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Office Action Dated: October 1, 2003

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Status of the Prosecution:

Claims 13-17 are allowed. Claims 1-12 and 18-39 are canceled herein, leaving only allowed claims pending. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the canceled claims in one or more continuing applications.

Applicants note with appreciation the examiner's acknowledgement of the domestic priority claim, and the attachment of the examiner-initialed Information Disclosure Statements.

As a result of the cancellation of the rejected claims, the application is in condition for immediate allowance. An early and favorable notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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